

(a) the number of years that have elapsed since sanction for constructing a bridge at the western end of the Wadai canal near the Timber Depot was given ;

(b) the years in which provision was made for its construction in the Budget ; and

(c) the reasons why the work has not been begun till now (25-11-1106) ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (a) The estimate for the bridge has not been sanctioned so far.

(b) 1102 M. E.

(c) As two other bridges over the same canal which are more urgently required are under construction,

Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the length of service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman, B. A., the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools on leave ; and

(b) whether his juniors were given promotions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (a) The service of Mr. Mahomed Sulaiman commenced on the 1st Edavam 1089.

(b) No substantive promotions have been given to any of his juniors.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Poovar.

51. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the necessity for a bridge over the Neyyar at Poovar, will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that there is a long-standing public demand for the same ;

(b) whether the Road Board has considered or recommended the necessity for a bridge there ; and

(c) whether they have received any report from the Chief Engineer regarding the same ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (a) and (b) Yes.
(c) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know whether any action was taken either by the Government or by the Chief Engineer since the recommendation of the Road Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No, the Chief Engineer has promised to inspect the place at an early date and submit his report. The Road Board has given this bridge only the eleventh place in the list which brings to the notice of the Government the importance of the several works.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from the member whether Government will be pleased to call upon the Chief Engineer to submit his report ?